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Letter dated 19 December 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to forward herewith the text of a letter dated 19 December 2001 from Dr. A. Abdullah, Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic State of Afghanistan, addressed to you (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) **R. Farhadi**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative



Annex to the letter dated 19 December 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I refer to my letter to you of 14 December 2001, which was written in my capacity as the Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic State of Afghanistan. That letter indicated that the Government of Afghanistan has agreed to the deployment of multinational security forces in Afghanistan on the basis of Chapter VI of the Charter of the United Nations.

The Security Council is aware that, in accordance with the Bonn agreement (S/2001/1154), an Interim Administration will be established in Afghanistan on 22 December 2001. As the member of the Interim Administration responsible for foreign affairs, I should like to inform the Council that, taking into account all relevant considerations, an international security force could be deployed under Chapters VI or VII of the Charter.

The Afghan authorities would like to reiterate to the Security Council that, in each case of deployment of forces, earlier coordination terms are to be agreed upon with the Afghan authorities in Kabul regarding the nationality and the size of the military units, their intended location on Afghan territory, the duration and the timetable of their assignment and the modalities of their role on the ground.

I would like once again to express my appreciation to the Security Council for its efforts aimed at the strengthening of security and stability in Afghanistan.

(Signed) A. **Abdullah**
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Interim Administration of Afghanistan
